the US State Department, on the eve of UN Human Rights Conference at Geneva, commenting on India that "Despite extensive Constitutional safeguards, significant human rights abues persist through India" and that "the abuses are aggravated by servere social tensions" adding that "abuses are particularly acute in disturbed areas, such as Punjab and Kashmir, where judicial system has broken down in the face of terrorist threats"; and

(b) if so, whether Government have reacted to the disinformation spread thereby, if so in what terms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTARY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):(a) Yes sir.

(b) Government have on a continuing basis been impressing upon the US Government that India's commitment to human rights is second to none. Government remain committed to safeguarding the human rights of its innocent and law abiding citizens. The National Human Rights Commission has started functioning and India has also permitted access to certain international non-governmental organisations. Government's efforts to restore normalcy in J & K are being hindered by Pakistan's continuing support to terrorism in India.

**Pakistan's Letter to UN Secretary General's Spekesman on Kashmir**

1051. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention ha been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated January 27, 1994 to the effect that Pakistan has circulated a concocted letter attributed to the spokesman of the UN Secretary General questioning the Indian position on UN resolutions on Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken to set the matters right both in UN and diplomatic circles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) The High Commission of Pakistan in Mauritius had issued a Press Release quoting the Spokesman for the UN Secretary General, questioning the Indian position on UN Resolutions on Kashmir. The Government of India had taken up the matter with the Spokesman of the UN Secretary General, who has in a letter addressed to the Pakistani Mission in the UN categorically denied the statements attributed to him be Pakistan and indicated the factual position. The Spokesman has also asked Pakistan to issue appropriate corrections in locations where the Pakistani press release was issued.

**Bilateral Talks with Myanmar**

1052. CHOWDHURY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Myanmar's Deputy Foreign Minister visited New Delhi in January 1994 for bilateral talks for normalisation of relations with Myanmar ;

(b) if so, what specific issues were discussed during his visit : and

(c) what are the result to achieved ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. A seven-member Myanmar delegation headed by the Deputy Foreign Minister of Union of Myanmar visited India from 19–24 January, 1994.

(b) The entire gamut of bilateral relations was discussed during the visit.

(c) During the visit two agreements were signed namely the Border Trade Agreement to augment and regulate the bilateral trade through the land route across the border and a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Civilian Border Authorities aimed at curbing trans-border movement of insurgents, narco-traffickers, smugglers, etc.

**Encroachment of Indian Land by Nepal**

1053. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 263 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1993 and state :

(a) at what levels of Government the issue of encroachment of 5000 hectares of Indian

territory by Nepal has been taken up by Government with the Nepalese authorities ;

(b) what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to get back the encroached Indian territory from Nepalese occupation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) The issue of encroachment of Indian territory by Nepal has been taken up at the level of the Minister of External Affairs with the Nepalese authorities. The Joint Technical Level India-Nepal Boundary Committee which was constituted in 1981 to demarcate finally the India-Nepal boundary along its entire length, has also discussed the matter a number of times in the past.

While the Joint Technical Level Boundary Committee is working hard to complete the demarcation on the basis of accepted principles, there are certain sectors in India-Nepal boundary where there is no agreement regarding these principles. Detailed surveys investigations of the areas involved are proposed to be carried out in consultation with concerned State Governments of India. Senior survey officials of India and Nepal are expected to meet in New Delhi in March. 1994 to discuss all matters relating to demarcation of India Nepal boundary.

**Threats of Kidnapping to Indian Diplomats**

1054. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian diplomasts in UK and elsewherer have received threats of kidnapping from separatists in the recent past ;

(b) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what security arrangements have been made by the respective Governments for the safety of the Indian diplomats serving abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The security of our diplomats their families and all our missions abroad is primarily the responsibility of the host Government. The security arrangements made depend upon the security environment and the threat perception of the host security services.

We augment these security arrangements by deploying India based Security Guards and installing various types of security equipment These security arrangements are periodically reviewed and suitably augmented in cooperation with the host Government.

**Extradtion Treaty with Nepal**

1055. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whethe Government propose to sign extradition treaty with Nepal to check terrorism and prevent criminals taking shelter in Nepal after committing heinous crimes on the Indian soil

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Nepalese Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) The Government of India entered into a Treaty of Extradition with Government of Nepal on October 2, 1953. Under the Treaty the two Governments engage to deliver up to each other those persons accused or convicted of a crime in the territory of one Government who are found within the territory of the other Government, in circumttances provided in the Treaty Extradition under the Treaty may be granted for murder, dacoity and other major crimes.

(c) Does not arise.

**भारतीय सांस्कृतिक सम्बन्ध परिषद् को दी गई धनराशि**

**1056. श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार भारतीय